

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims as indicated below:

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1. (Original) A transparent, paramagnetic label for an article, the label being essentially free of optical detection by a person with 20/20 vision from a distance of 3 feet or more comprising composition comprising polymer complexed with a sufficient amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to provide a polymer composition magnetic mass susceptibility of greater than  $20 \times 10^{-6}$  emu/g measured at 298°K.
  2. (Original) A transparent, paramagnetic label for an article, the label being essentially free of optical detection by a person with 20/20 vision from a distance of 3 feet or more comprising composition comprising polymer complexed with one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69, the amount of rare earth ions being greater than 9 weight percent based on the total weight of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer.
  3. (Original) A transparent, paramagnetic label for an article, the label being essentially free of optical detection by a person with 20/20 vision from a distance of 3 feet or more comprising composition comprising polymer complexed with one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 66 – 67, the amount of rare earth ions being at least 5 weight percent based on the total weight of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer.
  4. (Original) The transparent, paramagnetic label for an article of claim 1, 2, or 3 wherein the transparency is such that it is possible to transmit at least 55% of the incident light/radiation through a 1/8 inch thick test piece of the label material for greater than 50% of the wavelengths in the range of 400 to 1800 nanometers (nm).
  5. (Withdrawn) A method of labeling an article comprising the steps of
    - (a) applying a label composition comprising a polymerization initiator and a monomer composition comprising polymerizable monomers and source of one or more rare earth ions selected

from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to the article; and  
then

- (b) curing the label composition to form a transparent, paramagnetic polymer label; wherein

resulting transparent, paramagnetic polymer label comprises polymer complexed with a sufficient amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 - 69 to provide a polymer composition magnetic mass susceptibility of greater than  $20 \times 10^{-6}$  emu/g measured at 298°K.

6. (Withdrawn) A method of labeling an article comprising the steps of

- (a) applying a label composition comprising a polymerization initiator and a monomer composition comprising polymerizable monomers and source of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to the article; and  
then

- (b) curing the label composition to form a transparent, paramagnetic polymer label; wherein

resulting transparent, paramagnetic polymer label comprises polymer complexed with the amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 - 69 based on the total weight of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer label being greater than 9 weight percent.

7. (Withdrawn) A method of labeling an article comprising the steps of

- (a) applying a label composition comprising a polymerization initiator and a monomer composition comprising polymerizable monomers and source of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to the article; and  
then

- (b) curing the label composition to form a transparent, paramagnetic polymer label; wherein

resulting transparent, paramagnetic polymer label comprises polymer complexed with the amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 66 - 67 based on the total weight

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of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer label being greater than 5 weight percent.

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